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### Refugee crisis hits Lebanon as thousands flee homes

# Panic as Israelis step up attacks

David Hirst in Beirut  
Derek Brown in Jerusalem

TENS of thousands of refugees converged on Beirut yesterday, among the 400,000 people fleeing Israel's Operation Grapes of Wrath in Lebanon.

As Israeli warplanes stepped up strikes across a broad stretch of the country and the capital, the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militia in south Lebanon launched fresh salvoes of Katyusha missiles and threatened to turn northern Israel into a "fiery hell".



Hiszbollah said the casualties do not include any of its troops, and that the Israeli attacks have failed to hit any of its positions.



A Shi'ite villager carries a wounded girl to the hospital in Tyre, southern Lebanon

ship hit a local civil defence ambulance, injuring four paramedics. It was the second raid on an ambulance in as many days.

The Israelis extended the deadline as people were still struggling to leave. The city was all but emptied by midday.

Most of the refugees, now said to number 400,000, are arriving in Beirut. Many have nowhere to go.

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### Short 'more tax' remark rocks Labour boat

Rebecca Smithers  
Political Correspondent

LABOUR exploded on the politically explosive subject of tax when Clare Short, the party's transport spokeswoman, with appeared to be at odds with the party leadership over what is set to be one of the most important battlegrounds in the forthcoming general election.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said: "Clare Short has just confirmed today, and every family in the land should know, that if there were to be a Labour government they would pay higher taxes as a result."

Labour officials moved swiftly to initiate a damage-limitation exercise, and Ms Short clarified her remarks, saying it would be "pure mischief" to suggest they implied tax increases for middle income.

### Most get their kicks from a walk out in the sticks

Vivak Chaudhary  
and Chris Millill

NEVER mind sex and drugs and rock 'n' roll - the best things in life are free. Despite perceptions of an increasingly hedonistic society fuelled by drink and drugs, most people would rather go for a long walk or sit at home with the children, according to Geoff Lowe, a Hull University psychologist.

ish Psychological Society in Brighton. For men, the most frequently mentioned pleasures are food, drink, music, family, children, reading, sport and exercise. Women find pleasure in family, children, food, drink, nature, scenery, entertainment and reading.

Dr Lowe said that sex was usually tagged on almost as an afterthought. And one woman respondent said she could think of nothing which gave her pleasure.

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Professional associations of nightclub owners has been marred by faction fighting

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British government's consultations on the future of the colony.

### Economics

The poor have always been stigmatised by the right but now the left seems embarrassed by poverty too.

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Newcastle kept their hopes alive by beating Aston Villa. They are now three points behind the leaders Manchester United.

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## Oppose the Asylum and Immigration Bill

- Defend asylum rights
- No second class citizen status for British residents

The Bill will:

- introduce a 'white list' of countries from which asylum claims will not be accepted;
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# Fun on fringe strikes fear into Jockey Club

Sharp practice is in no danger of immediate disappearance on the flapping tracks of mid-Wales where overt dishonesty means it's fair cheating all round

**Monday sketch**

quarters of the Heads of the Valley Racing Club.

On a sunny day it must be one of the most beautiful sporting arenas in the kingdom. But few would know that. This is unofficial racing, or "flapping", a word that strikes terror into anyone involved in official horse racing.

Last Wednesday, two Scottish owners were banned by the Jockey Club for 10 years because one of their horses had run on a flapping track. Rugby union is making peace with league; but lions will lie down with lambs before flapping is allowed into Ascot.

Yet, on the Celtic fringes at least, they refuse to go away. There is an average of two meetings a week all round Wales from now till autumn.

This was an early-season meeting, low-key and poorly-attended because most of the farmers are still lambing. Everyone said I should come back on Gold Cup Day in July. But even then it must be impossible to eradicate the air of amiable chaos. The first race, scheduled for 2pm, began at 2.31 — they were waiting for more horses; the loudspeaker worked patchily; the public wandered across the track even in the rain; the weight-in was on bathroom scales.

However, it had obviously been worse at Llangadog on Easter Monday. The commentator told riders there was to be no repetition of that. "Handicapper's warning," he said. "He's watching you. We've got a prospect of a good race. Don't spoil it."

At Llangadog several horses were blatantly "pulled" by their jockeys to stop them doing well, reducing their handicap so the owner can strike a good bet some other day. This goes on in all forms of racing. At flapping tracks it is just more obvious. In a curious way, the overt dishonesty makes it straighter: if everyone knows what's going on then it's fair cheating all round.

Half the races at Giltwern were trotting, that curious form of the game in which specially-bred horses pull carts without being allowed to gallop. It has never caught on in most of Britain, though the French and Australians love it. The galloping races involve what they call Galloways or ponies — thoroughbred horses usually too runty to make the grade on a real race track, though sometimes the owners change the horses' names and enter them in official races, which is what drives the Jockey Club crazy.

The jockeys need to be brave; the courses are small with tight bends, slippery when wet. The horses have studs to help their grip and anyone tampered knows all about it. Last year Mickey Moseley — an ex-Flat jockey and now champion on this circuit — broke his neck. But he's back. His friends in official racing think he's crazy.

Everyone says it was worse in the old days. Until a few years ago there were no official weights, so the riders had to be anarchic. Some of them used to ride wearing flat caps and wellies. Things have moved on a little.

"This is not a rag, tag and bobtail set-up," insisted the club secretary Bill Clarke. "The police are involved, the ambulance is here, everything is as it should be. We're amateurs. We do it for the love of the sport."

That may be true of the officials but anything involving betting is not done entirely for love. One of the jockeys told me frankly that flapping was crooked. But the amounts of money involved are not large. Top prize money at Giltwern was £120 and the four bookmakers who dared set up stalls among the sheep-shit blanched if anyone flashed a large note at them. Not everyone in the crowd had a look one would trust implicitly. Yet this small crowd raised a decent collection for the sick son of one of the jockeys.

"Why does official racing fear flapping so much? I think it's a bloody-minded attitude," said Bill Clarke.

"They look down their noses because this is a working man's bit of fun."

In the South-east anyone who has enough land to have a horse needs to be rich. But in Scotland and Wales, it is still just possible even for a non-farmer with an ordinary job to have a stable and a horse. So flapping lingers on. It is one of the last vestiges of Celtic defiance against the English mastery and passion for rule-making.



Galloways at speed at the Heads of the Valley Racing Club's Giltwern meeting, while (right) spectator and jockey discuss form



PHOTOGRAPHS BY JEFF MORRAN

# Surrogate grandmother wants twins

The first operation of its kind in Britain gives a 51-year-old the chance to give birth to her daughter's child, as the British Medical Association changes its attitude

**Viviek Chaudhary**

BRITAIN'S first surrogate grandmother has described her feelings after hearing she is pregnant with her own grandchild. Doctors have told her she may even be expecting twins.

Edith Jones, aged 51, has been implanted with two embryos grown from ova from her daughter Suzanne fertilised by sperm from her son-in-law Chris's daughter Suzanne, aged 31, cannot have children because she was born without a womb.

The operation, which has cost the family £25,000, was carried out three weeks ago at the private BMI Park Hospital in Nottingham. It was approved by the hospital's ethics committee last year.

Speaking in the Mail on Sunday, Mrs Jones, from Darlington, County Durham, said: "I couldn't believe that [the operation] had worked first time. I called Suzanne straight away to tell her. The phone went quiet and her husband Chris picked it up and told me she was in tears."

"I have to have another test on Tuesday but I've known in my heart for days that I'm having a baby."

News of the pregnancy will revive the debate over the increasing use of surrogate mothers. Last month, the British Medical Association changed its mind and said that surrogate pregnancies were acceptable as a last resort for infertile couples. The BMA had originally advised doctors to have nothing to do with surrogacy, but later said that anecdotal evi-



Edith Jones with her 21-year-old daughter Suzanne, who was born without a womb

dence suggested that the number of such births was increasing, as society found them gradually more acceptable.

Last week, it emerged that a second couple are to have a surrogate pregnancy on the National Health Service, and that three other families are being considered for the treatment. The news followed publication of details of the first surrogate pregnancy on the NHS, which cost Yorkshire Health Authority £5,000.

Mrs Jones's daughter Suzanne, aged 31, cannot have children because she was born without a womb. The family decided on a surrogate pregnancy two years ago.

Suzanne said yesterday: "I'm so grateful to my mother. I wouldn't like anyone else to do this for us."

Mrs Jones said she volunteered to become a surrogate mother for her daughter because she knew what Suzanne was going through.

"I have been through it myself. My husband and I had given up hope of ever having a baby when I eventually fell pregnant with Suzanne," she said.

The family have already decided that any child will be told as early as possible how she or he was born.

Mrs Jones expects both her daughter and son-in-law to be at the birth.

"The moment the babies are born I want to hand them over to Suzanne and Chris. I just want to be in their faces when they hold them for the first time," she said.

Mrs Jones, who has two other children, aged 20 and 13, and a granddaughter aged

two, went through the menopause five years ago. She has been taking hormone tablets to restore her ability to carry a foetus, and for the next few weeks will continue taking the tablets and hormone injections.

Her husband Trevor, aged 49, said: "This is very much a four-way decision. Edith will

have to take it easy but she is in good hands and the doctors wouldn't allow it to go ahead if they thought it would hurt her."

Doctors were said to be delighted with the news of Mrs Jones's pregnancy but warned it was still in its early stages.

John Webster, director of infertility services at the Park Hospital, said he was happy to treat the family.

"There are ladies who have children naturally in their late forties and early fifties. With modern obstetric care there are no great problems," he said. "This was discussed very thoroughly within our ethics committee."

Pregnancies boom as more couples seek mothers to bear children for them

**Viviek Chaudhary**

KIM COTTON became Britain's first surrogate mother in 1985, when she was paid £5,500 to have a baby for an American couple, leading to a huge public outcry.

Ms Cotton gave birth to a child known only as Baby Cotton, after one of her own eggs was artificially inseminated. She was also paid £15,000 by a national newspaper for her story.

Changes in the law later outlawed commercial surrogacy. In June 1991, Ms Cotton gave birth to twins on behalf of a childless friend but was not paid.

In 1997, Pat Anthony became the world's first surrogate grandmother when she gave birth to triplets in South Africa. She was implanted with eggs from her daughter Karen, which were fertilised by her son-in-law Ailino.

An unnamed couple were granted full parental rights for their surrogate child by a Manchester court in June 1995. The landmark ruling meant that the couple avoided complicated and expensive adoption procedures which had been needed until then.

Childlessness Overcome Through Surrogacy (Cots), a voluntary organisation to help couples considering surrogacy, was set up in 1988. Ms Cotton was a co-founder.

The organisation claims 160 babies have been born through surrogate pregnancies because of its contacts. Doctors say the true number could be much higher because many arrangements are informal.

# Secrets of the underworld

**First night**

Andrew Clements

The Mask of Orpheus Festival Hall/Radio 3

IT IS 10 years since The Mask of Orpheus, most ambitious, elaborate and thrilling of all Harrison Birtwistle's stage works, was first performed. The staging at English National Opera in 1986 established it as one of the most important operas of our time, yet the sheer scale of the work and the resources it demands have prevented any revival.

But on Friday, to open the South Bank Centre's Birtwistle retrospective, Secret Theatre, Orpheus was seen again. It was a semi-staging to be sure, rather than the full theatrical works, but in a superb performance by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis, and with enough of the trappings of the dramatic scheme to convey the full flavour, it emerged again as a masterpiece.

In many ways the stripped-down presentation devised by director Stephen Langridge and designer Alison Chitty for the Festival Hall platform was more lucid and easier to follow than David Freeman's original ENO production. Freeman's treatment had a wonderful elegance and fluidity, but it played fast and loose with the intricate formalism of the opera.

The Mask of Orpheus is never a straightforward piece of story-telling. Orpheus's journey to the underworld to attempt to recover Euridice may be its central panel, but the work is much more concerned with exploring the

complex of myths surrounding the Orpheus legend; alternative readings of an event are presented simultaneously, or recalled in flashback later in the work, while each of the protagonists is portrayed by two singers, a mime and a puppet. When Orpheus sings, his solo becomes a duet, when Euridice is killed, we watch two versions of her death.

What prevents this scheme from disappearing into its own complexity and makes it cohere so thrillingly is the sheer power of Birtwistle's music — the emotional intensity and grandeur he generates, the intense lyricism he packs into the vocal lines, the cavernous, terrifying intrusions of the voice of Apollo, whose electronically-generated signals control the course of the whole work. There are six purely electronic interludes too, when the main stage action is frozen and a mime troupe enacts myths related to the Orpheus story.

Davis, with Martyr Brabins as second conductor, ensured the gigantic scale of The Mask was powerfully projected, while the singing cast — led by Jon Garricson and Peter Bronder's Orpheus, Jean Rigby and Anne-Marie Owens's Euridice, and Marie Angel's Oracle of the Dead — were tirelessly committed.

The Chotomondleys and the Featherstonhaughs, choreographed by Lea Anderson, supplied the mimes. But pulling out those names is invidious; this was a massive undertaking realised more successfully than one hoped.

The Harrison Birtwistle Retrospective, Secret Theatre, runs at the South Bank Centre until May 4 (0171 960 4242; On-Line: <http://www.illumination.co.uk/birtwistle/>)

# Ex-BNFL manager attacks nuclear 'car boot sale'

**Simon Beavis and Paul Brown**

FORMER senior executive in the nuclear power industry has likened the Government's £2.5 billion privatisation of nuclear reactors to a car boot sale.

Harold Bolter, former company secretary of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, says the Government will sell off eight reactors belonging to British

Energy for less than the cost of building just one of them — the £2.6 billion Sizewell B station in Suffolk.

"Anyone offered an eight-for-the-price-of-one bargain in a car boot sale would be looking for hidden snags and potential investors in British Energy Ltd should exercise similar caution before they buy into the nuclear power business," Mr Bolter writes in a book published today, Inside Sellfield.

The price the Government expects to get for seven advanced gas-cooled reactors and Sizewell is an "indication of how desperate it is to get as much of the nuclear industry off its hands".

In a highly disparaging dismissal of the sale, planned for July, he adds: "This is not so much a case of the Government selling off the family silver as disposing of a canteen of old and unwanted cutlery for the best price it can obtain." Mr Bolter adds:

He also argues that to estimate the public purse costs of closing down ageing Magnox reactors, which are not being sold off, Ministers have "plucked a rabbit out of the hat" to arrive at a cost of £3.5 billion.

The damaging disclosures come as the City is taking an extremely cautious view of the sell-off. This week the Government will select a syndicate of banks to help market the offer.

Mr Bolter resigned over allegations of financial irregularities connected with the refurbishment of his home. His protestations of innocence in the case have not been denied by the company.

He also casts grave doubts on the financial viability of

one of BNFL's newest and most controversial assets, the £2.9 billion Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant (Thorp). He makes clear that Thorp is unlikely to be the economic success the Government claimed it would be when it overcame widespread objections and gave the all clear to run the plant. At that time Mr Bolter — who remains a strong advocate of nuclear power — was still employed in the highest echelons of BNFL.

More worryingly, he argues that ministers were persuaded the plant would be viable by a report from the accountant Touche Ross, which was based on incorrect and misleading figures.

"The economics of Thorp are extremely doubtful and the plant would never have been built if the true position had been known," he says.

He doubts that the products of reprocessing — uranium 238 and plutonium — will ever be useful now that fast breeder reactors for which they were destined have been abandoned. "They may come to be regarded as just another nuclear waste product rather than an energy resource."

"In summary, many of the assumptions fed by British Nuclear Fuels into the Whitehall appraisal of Thorp [in 1983] have turned out to be wrong, making the whole exercise something of a charade," he says.

Apart from his fears about BNFL's economic viability, Mr Bolter criticises the climate of secrecy in the industry which prevents information reaching the company's own head office as well as the outside world. Sellfield management allegedly kept from the head office directors in Cheshire many of the incidents which were later to prove severe embarrassments to the company.

"Offers of help were almost always regarded as interference — particularly when they came from people working at the company's headquarters at Risley," he writes.

"Time and time again Sellfield left itself open to accusations of trying to cover up its mistakes, the most damaging accusation it can face. All too often, the charge was justified."

Inside Sellfield by Harold Bolter: Ouerret Books, £9

# How to become a proofreader

**By Trevor Horwood**

Do you envy people who love their jobs? I did too, so a few years ago I looked for a way to combine my love of books with the need to earn a living. I was a successful sales manager, so I needed something that paid well.

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# Armed loyalist gang seizes £1m in Belfast

David Starrock  
Ireland Correspondent

**L**OYALIST paramilitaries masterminded Northern Ireland's biggest armed robbery, which netted about £1 million, police said yesterday. Members of the armed gang claimed to be from the IRA, but police last night confirmed they were loyalists.

The robbery took place in a mainly loyalist area of Belfast. Last night police were questioning a man in connection with the raid on a Securicor plant, using a van taken by one of its employees on Saturday.

Four members of a family — one of whom is mentally retarded while another, a 63-year-old, suffers from respiratory problems — were handcuffed and gagged at their home while another, employed by Securicor, was told to collect cash from the firm's depot and drive it to the outskirts of the city.

Armed men then drove the money away in a red Escort van. The vehicle was later found abandoned in the mainly Protestant Finaghy area of south Belfast. It was being examined by forensic experts last night.

Police said the amount of money taken was "very substantial" but refused to say exactly how much. It is believed to be about £1 million. It is understood the RUC is attempting to find out if there was any inside help. Securicor declined to comment.

At least six men were involved. Three who held the family hostage claimed they belonged to the IRA. But the house where the family was held is in the strongly loyalist Taughmonagh estate in south Belfast.

The money, in used bank notes, was due to be delivered to the Post Office. It was transferred to the getaway vehicle near the family's home.

At the time that the three hooded and armed men forced their way into the house in the early hours of Saturday morning, the Securicor man was there with his 33-year-old wife, his 63-year-old father-in-law and a boy aged 14.

They were all handcuffed and gagged with yellow adhesive tape. The gang ignored the father-in-law's pleas that he suffered breathing difficulties, and ordered the family upstairs to lie on a bedroom floor.

Detective Sergeant Jeff Smyth said the gunmen's treatment of the family had been callous. "One of those members was a 63-year-old gentleman who despite pleas not to be taped up because of breathing difficulties still had his mouth taped over with masking tape."

"He was then laid face down on a carpet with handcuffs applied around his back," Sergeant Smyth said.

The Securicor man was handed a map with instructions, told to go to his depot in the Stranmillis area and drive the cash to a pre-arranged spot in Ballyleson.

He was accompanied by a colleague. They were met by another three armed men who ordered them out, took them to outbuildings where they handcuffed them to window frames and hooded them with pillow cases.

Police said the family were unhurt but were in a highly distressed state. Both loyalist and republican paramilitaries have long used a variety of crimes, including robberies, to fund their activities and lifestyles.



Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's prime minister, inspects the Lahore hospital after the bomb blast which killed six people and injured more than 30

PHOTOGRAPH BY KM CHOLUDRY

# Imran ire at 'political' hospital attack

Gerald Bourke in Islamabad

**I**MHRAN KHAN, the former great cricket all-rounder, condemned as the work of "a savage or an animal" the bombing of his cancer hospital in Lahore yesterday, in which six people were killed and more than 30 injured.

The attack on the Shaikat Khanum Memorial Trust Hospital outside Lahore, capital of the Punjab province, is widely seen as an attempt to sabotage his budding political career.

The blast happened just after noon. The bomb, which was hidden under a sofa in the waiting area of the chemotherapy department, destroyed the crowded outpatients area and caused damage worth about \$270,000.

"There were bodies everywhere," said Raja Chaudhry, the hospital director. "Doors were blown out and there was mangled furniture all over the place. It's a tragedy. How could anyone bomb a hospital?"

He added that Sunday morning, when new patients are registered, was the busiest time of the week.

Apart from one member of staff who was not badly hurt, all the victims were patients. The injured, eight said to be in a serious condition, were taken to other hospitals in the city.

Mr Khan's hospital, open for little more than a year, was financed with donations from the public and dedicated to his mother, who died of cancer 10 years ago. Treatment is free for most patients who cannot afford to pay.

Mr Khan, who arrived at the hospital 45 minutes after the blast, said: "I would not like to name anyone. But whoever has carried out this cruel act has a very small mind."

He said the bomb attack was aimed at frightening him into giving up his social welfare aims. "I want to tell those who want to scare me that I



The Princess of Wales with the Khans during a visit to the hospital in February

# Princess sends her sympathy as Gemima flies out to Pakistan

**T**HE Princess of Wales yesterday after the bomb attack on his Lahore cancer hospital. The princess, who visited the hospital earlier this year, expressed her sympathy for those caught in the blast which killed six.

By coincidence, she had lunch in London yesterday with the parents of Imran's wife, Gemima — Sir James and Lady Annabel Goldsmith — before the blast.

Gemima, who was flying out from London to Pakistan last night, was said to be devastated by the news. "Children there are fighting for life. For someone to bomb them is sick beyond belief."

Gemima, who converted to Islam before her marriage last summer, said: "Imran is devastated. It has taken him 10 years, this

project. The outpatients department is obliterated. It's the only outpatients department which treats poor patients free, and they have nowhere to go now."

Benazir Bhutto, the Pakistani prime minister, also expressed her shock and horror at the news and flew to Lahore.

After visiting the hospital she said: "We condemn whoever has done this act of terrorism. No mercy will be shown to those engaged in violence."

The Pakistan High Commission in London added that she considered it a "horrid crime."

A High Commission spokesman said: "She has asked for a report within 24 hours and has instructed the police to investigate the matter and arrest the criminals as soon as possible. She has also asked the people to beware of the activities of terrorists."

will move forward with greater determination." Since retiring from cricket after leading his country to victory in the 1982 World Cup, Mr Khan, aged 43, has become a controversial figure. He embraced Islam and denounced Western culture and values as shallow. It was a stance at odds with his night-clubbing playboy image as a sports celebrity and provoked accusations of hypocrisy.

These became more strident last year when, after months of claiming he would like to marry a modest Muslim girl, it emerged he had secretly married Gemima Goldsmith, daughter of the millionaire businessman Sir James Goldsmith.

But his cancer hospital and a recent mass literacy programme have made him hugely popular with Pakistanis. So too has his growing criticism of the country's ruling elite, which he condemns as corrupt and uncaring.

Such changes have inevitably put him on collision course with the increasingly unpopular government of the prime minister, Benazir Bhutto.

On Saturday, he ended months of speculation about his political ambitions when he announced he would launch his own party later this month. He also claimed to have turned down offers of ministerial posts made by two previous governments. Local press reports say he has gathered an impressive team of retired army generals and senior civil servants, disgruntled politicians, and Islamic fundamentalists.

# Goldsmith challenge

Rebecca Smithers  
Political Correspondent

**B**ILLIONAIRE financier Sir James Goldsmith added to John Major's woes yesterday by pledging to press ahead with his £30 million campaign to put up 600 candidates representing his Referendum Party at the election.

Sir James was speaking for the first time since the Government announced its decision to make a manifesto commitment to hold a referendum on the issue of a single currency.

His candidates will stand in seats where the Conservative candidates oppose a referendum.

Sir James said in an interview on BBC's Breakfast with Frost, that the Government's decision was "an act of appeasement within the Cabinet to try and keep it stable". He said the Government's proposed referendum was dependent on the Conservatives

being re-elected — "a somewhat obscure idea at this moment" — and that it only lasted for one Parliament.

He warned that the government was in danger of being taken over by Brussels — no matter if it is Tory, Labour or Liberal Democrat — by relinquishing sovereignty through the Maastricht Treaty.

The threat posed by both the Referendum and the UK Independence parties is being taken more seriously since Thursday's Staffordshire South-East by-election when the UK Independence candidate, Andrew Smith, came a close fourth to the Liberal Democrats, securing 1,272 votes (3.5 per cent).

Sir James said he would unveil his full list of candidates at the party's conference in Brighton in October. He had not decided where he would stand, but said it would be in Surrey.

Asked about Tory fears that his party could take 15 to 25 seats away from them at the general election and put

Euro-friendly Labour in power, Sir James replied: "This is not a left-right issue. It is a yes-no issue. Does Britain remain an independent nation or not? In an analysis of the number of MPs of both major parties who have been for a referendum, more socialist MPs have declared themselves in favour of a referendum than have Conservative Members of Parliament."

He dismissed as "a publicity gimmick" a bet proposed by the millionaire author Lord Archer, former Tory party deputy chairman, offering £10 for every vote he achieves above the deposit level in each constituency in which he puts up a candidate — in return for £10 for every vote below this floor.

He confirmed that after a referendum his party would disappear.

The former chancellor, Norman Lamont, said he supported the Referendum Party on the issue of a wider referendum on political integration in Europe.

# Daily Mail proprietor gives new hint of election backing for Blair

Alex Bellis

**L**ORD Rothermere, proprietor of Associated Newspapers, yesterday gave his strongest hint yet that some of his titles might support Tony Blair at the next general election.

He said on BBC Radio 4's Desert Island Discs: "I think that some of my newspapers might be sympathetic to Tony and others will be sympathetic to John Major."

When pressed by the programme's presenter, Sue Lawley, as to whether his newspapers — which include the Daily Mail, the Mail On Sunday and the Evening Standard, London — would back the Labour leader at the next general election, he said: "I have a suspicion that some of them might."

Yesterday's remarks came six months after Sir David English, Associated's chairman, wrote an article

in the Spectator praising Mr Blair and suggesting that his newspapers' traditional anti-Labour stance could end.

He wrote of asking Rothermere over lunch whether this — "the unthinkable" — would be possible. "Well, it certainly would not be impossible," David, he replied, having recently come from a two-hour one-to-one with the Labour leader.

In the two years Mr Blair has led his party he has managed to improve its relations with Rupert Murdoch's News International, owner of The Sun, The News Of The World, The Times and The Sunday Times.

While Mr Murdoch has not gone so far as endorsing Mr Blair, they have communicated with each other and Mr Murdoch invited the Labour leader to address senior executives of News International in Australia last year.

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**How the job has changed**

Then	Now
Title: bouncer	Title: door supervisor/ in-house security operative.
Chest decoration: tattoos	Chest decoration: licence badge
Self-image: untrained with opportunities to strike professionals	Self-image: trained professional with opportunities for striking
Preferred physical contact: fist to mouth decimation	Preferred physical contact: mouth to mouth resuscitation
Favourite threat: I know where you live	Favourite threat: my union lawyer knows where you live
Uniform: anything from Moss Bros	Uniform: anything from Kate Moss to the Gallagher Bros.
Likely name: Ron	Likely name: Mary
Greeting: Oi	Greeting: hello boys

'For years we have had this image of being thugs, but we are trying to move away from that'

**Ray Jackson**  
Southport 'doorman'



Head-to-head... Bouncers (above and top left) are getting their act together — but with the formation of two rival associations they can't agree how

**News in brief**

**'End of the world' show attracts 2.5bn**

MORE THAN 2.5 billion people in more than 200 countries watched Billy Graham yesterday in the first global "televangelist" show. The one hour long programme was screened twice on the Sky satellite channel. Abroad it was shown on satellite and cable channels as well as 187 national networks including India, South Africa, Russia and Uganda. Sir Cliff Richard hosted Starting Over which aimed itself at a young audience with shots of despairing men and women in the kind of poses used in pop videos and TV commercials. Billy Graham, aged 77, who has had to stop travelling with his message because of Parkinson's disease, said: "Some say it is a new millennium. Other say it is a new apocalypse." As scenes of the war in former Yugoslavia were shown he said: "We have tried everything. We've tried all the laws. We've tried the United Nations. We've tried everything we know and now it seems we are coming to the very end of the world."

**Crown gets mercy killing file**

A FILE on the "mercy killing" of Alice Rowbottom, a liver cancer sufferer, by her son is to be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service, police said yesterday. Derek Rowbottom, aged 44, from Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester, said he gave his 80-year-old mother two huge overdoses of morphine after being unable to bear watching her die slowly at North Manchester General hospital. Police have been called in by the coroner to investigate Mrs Rowbottom's death on Wednesday, and yesterday confirmed that Mr Rowbottom had been interviewed in the presence of his solicitor at Collyhurst police station. Mr Rowbottom said: "I gave them a taped interview and I have got to go back in six weeks to find out the outcome after the coroner's inquest. But I have been advised not to speak to the press any more because it could affect the outcome."

**Incapacity scheme 'fails'**

ONLY 288 people have found work after being driven off incapacity benefit by a new, tougher eligibility test introduced last year, the Department of Social Security yesterday acknowledged. At least 26,000 other former claimants are now receiving unemployment benefits. The figures emerged as the DSS insisted its drive to tighten up benefit payments to long-term sick and disabled people was on target despite the fact that the total number of people falling the new test, or not completing it, was 84,518 in the 11 months to the end of February. Ministers had forecast that in its first year some 220,000 people would fail the test for incapacity benefit, which replaced invalidity benefit. It was brought in because ministers suspected that family doctors were signing off unemployed patients as unfit for work to help them get more money than they would on unemployment benefits. — David Brindle

**Female jail figure rises**

A TOUGHER attitude by the courts towards non-violent female offenders has been blamed for a 57 per cent rise in the number of women in prison over the last three years to a daily population of 2,125. The number of male prisoners has risen by 30 per cent over the same period. The Imprisonment of Women — Some Facts and Figures, a study by the Prisoners' Advice Campaign, shows that a third of the women behind bars are being jailed for fine default. A Home Office survey showed that of 1,785 women interviewed in prison, 234 had children under five, 304 children aged five to nine and 484 children aged 10 to 16. Four prisons have mother and baby units and Holloway, the main women's jail in north London, has places for only 17 mothers with their babies. — Alan Travis

**Prize for Jeanne Moreau**

THE actress Jeanne Moreau has been awarded Bafta's most prestigious prize, The Fellowship, for life achievement. Miss Moreau, aged 68, flew in from her home in Paris to receive it at the Lyceum Theatre, British Academy Craft Awards ceremony at the London Hilton yesterday, to be televised on BBC2 tonight. The half-English actress is only the second woman to be awarded a fellowship by the academy. She is still heavily involved in the film industry. She said of the fellowship: "It opens doors. The fact that I have received recognition gives me confidence and energy. And I have to do better things and more interesting things." For the past two years she has chaired the Cannes Film Festival jury.

**Panorama 'inquest' denied**

SENIOR BBC executives denied yesterday they were planning further investigations into two Panorama programmes dogged by controversy. Journalists on the award-winning current affairs flagship have been accused by their managers of attempting to smear reporter Martin Bashir, who secured November's interview with the Princess of Wales. A BBC spokesman denied reports it had launched a new inquiry into the Diana programme. Mr Bashir's conduct was investigated in December after it emerged that he had ordered a graphics artist to prepare two documents, one showing that a national newspaper had paid large sums to security staff working for Earl Spencer, the princess's brother. The BBC insists the documents were discarded when the information could not be verified. The princess had made it plain they had not been used in any way to secure the interview, a spokesman said. — Andrew Cull

**Faction fighting fear as bouncers organise**

**Alex Bellos gatecrashes on 'door supervisors' in dispute**

AN ATTEMPT by night club bouncers to shake off their pugna-cious image has turned into farce, with the creation of their first professional association marred by faction fighting. Instead of the industry uniting behind the long-planned National Association of Licensed Door Supervisors (Nalds), launched in Essex yesterday, a founder member is urging bouncers to join his organisation instead. The National Association of Registered Door Supervisors (Nards) was also launched yesterday, in London, and

hopes to offer its members a cheaper package of benefits. The rivalry is spilling what bouncers hoped was the final chapter in their transformation from "gorillas in suits" to professional "security operatives". In the last few years bouncers have cleaned up their act as councils have introduced training courses and venues have increasingly recruited women. Gary Powers, a director of Nalds, said: "The situation is embarrassing. We only found out a few weeks ago about the other group. It's farcical." But Mr Powers, who also

runs Regency Security in Chelmsford, Essex, was quick to put the boot in to an organisation he claims is gatecrashing his party. He said it is run by Danny Brewinton, an ex-employee also involved in setting up Nalds, who "two months ago went to let go after a difference of opinions". Regulations regarding bouncers vary depending on the local authority, although most now have a system of licensing. In Westminster, which has one of the most progressive policies, bouncers must complete a two-day course in fire safety, law and

first aid and sit a 20-question multiple-choice test. If they pass they are then vetted by the police in a two-hour interview. One of the main aims of Nalds is to unify the national licensing system. At the moment, if a licensed Westminster bouncer wants to work in Manchester he needs to pay for another two-day course. Nalds also wants to bring union benefits to its members, and has struck a deal with the GMB general union offering a legal helpline and health, accident and insurance benefits. Mr Powers said: "Being a

doorman is a high-risk job. If you get injured you can't work, but if they now pay a weekly subscription they will be covered by health benefits. The legal advice could also be useful. "There is also no advisory body for the Government and councils to speak to when they are introducing policy. We aim to be a buffer between them and the security companies." He added that he wanted to offer courses in advanced first aid, paramedics and how to be a head doorman. Two years ago a working party was set up to look into

**Journalist rejects demand to return document**

Andrew Cull  
Media Correspondent

A JOURNALIST said last night he would not comply with a demand from the Department of Trade and Industry to return a leaked copy of a confidential report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Adam Raphael, of the Economist, denounced as absurd

the DTI's attempts to get him to sign a "gagging order" preventing further reporting of the document. The DTI has issued an ultimatum for the magazine to return by 3pm today all copies of the report in which the commission backed the proposed £2.9 billion takeover of Southern Electric by National Power and the £1.95 billion bid by Powergen for Midlands Electricity.

It also required an undertaking from Mr Raphael not to publish details, threatening a High Court injunction if he refused. Mr Raphael, a former political editor of the Observer and BBC Newsnight presenter, said he had no intention of handing back the report. "We have learned from the Guardian's experience in the Sarah Tisdall affair," he said. The Foreign Office clerk was

called for six months in March 1984 after the Guardian agreed to return leaked papers about the siting of cruise missiles in Britain. He was planning to return to the topic in next week's magazine, and it was absurd to sign a gagging order when publication in the current issue had already put the report in the public domain. Mr Raphael said publication had been a secret known

only to him, the magazine's editor Bill Emmott and his department boss. If an ex-parte injunction were granted, the Economist would almost certainly appeal, dragging the controversial report through a long legal action. The magazine received an unexcused copy of the commission's report, including confidential commercial and financial evidence. Mr

Raphael said the Economist was prepared to agree not to use material which the DTI would have excised when it published the report — if it gave reasons why such material should remain secret. A DTI spokesman said officials would consider their next move today in response to a letter received from the Economist. Secret of electricity, page 9

**'Risk of return' to ignoring child sex abuse**

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

THERE is a growing danger of a return to the days when victims of child sex abuse were ignored or not believed, a children's charity warns today. Argument over definitions, failure of the law to bring abusers to book, and controversy over false memory syndrome are combining to reverse progress in understanding of sex abuse, says NCH Action for Children. The charity, which runs 14 schemes helping child vic-

tims and adult survivors, says public awareness has grown only during the past 20 years. Previously, children were afraid to speak out for fear of disbelief. Research by the charity on 124 adult survivors, almost all women and self-selected, found they were abused for at least five years between ages four and either 12, the onset of puberty, or 15 or 16, when many left home. The abuser was said to have been the father, stepfather or mother's partner in 41 per cent of cases. In 6 per cent it was the mother. In only 7 per cent was the abuser unknown

to the child or family. Fewer than half the victims said they had spoken out during childhood. Nine said they had spoken out as adults, having had no previous recall — the classic circumstances of alleged false memory syndrome — and three of these cases had been corroborated. The NCH is calling for sweeping legal reforms to improve the chances of convicting abusers and to better protect child witnesses. It also wants greater investment in services helping abused children and their families to stop sex abuse becoming "yesterday's fashionable issue".

**Wiggins out in the open on women-only shortlist**

Michael Ellison  
Arts Correspondent

MARIANNE Wiggins, who spent 15 months in hiding with her former husband, Salman Rushdie, after a death sentence was imposed on him, is one of four Americans on the shortlist for Britain's newest literary prize. The £30,000 Orange prize for fiction, which is open to women only, was born after the late Angela Carter's final novel, Wise Children, failed to make the Booker shortlist in 1991. But the first award, on May

15, comes after the Booker (£20,000) went to Pat Barker's The Ghost Road and the Whitbread (£25,000) was won by Kate Atkinson with Behind the Scenes at the Museum. Ms Wiggins's Eveless Eden is about a right-hand man to the Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu who is held in a safe house with his girlfriend. The other Americans are Pagan Kennedy (Spinsters), Amy Tan (The Hundred Secret Senses), and Anne Tyler (Ladder of Years). The British writers are Julia Blackburn (The Book of Colour) and Helen Dunmore (A Spell of Winter).




Marianne Wiggins... novel about Romanian benchmark

**Anne preferred as queen**

THE Princess Royal should succeed to the throne instead of the Prince of Wales, according to a Mori opinion poll. Fewer than half those questioned thought the prince would make a good king. Princess Anne came top with 33 per cent of the nearly 2,000 people questioned, leaving her brother trailing with 25 per cent. Of the other royals, only Prince William reached double figures, with 12 per cent. The Princess of Wales received only 7 per cent — the same as the speaker of the House of Commons, Betty Boothroyd — in the poll commissioned for World in Action, to be screened on ITV tomorrow.

**More lottery millionaires**

THREE winning tickets scooped £3.8 million each in last night's National Lottery draw, the organisers Camelot said. The winners matched all six numbers to claim £3,836,607 each. The winning numbers were 23, 38, 40, 44, 47 and 49, and the bonus number 12.



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Lib Dems and tactical voting could hurt Government in May council elections • Huntingdon remains loyal to PM

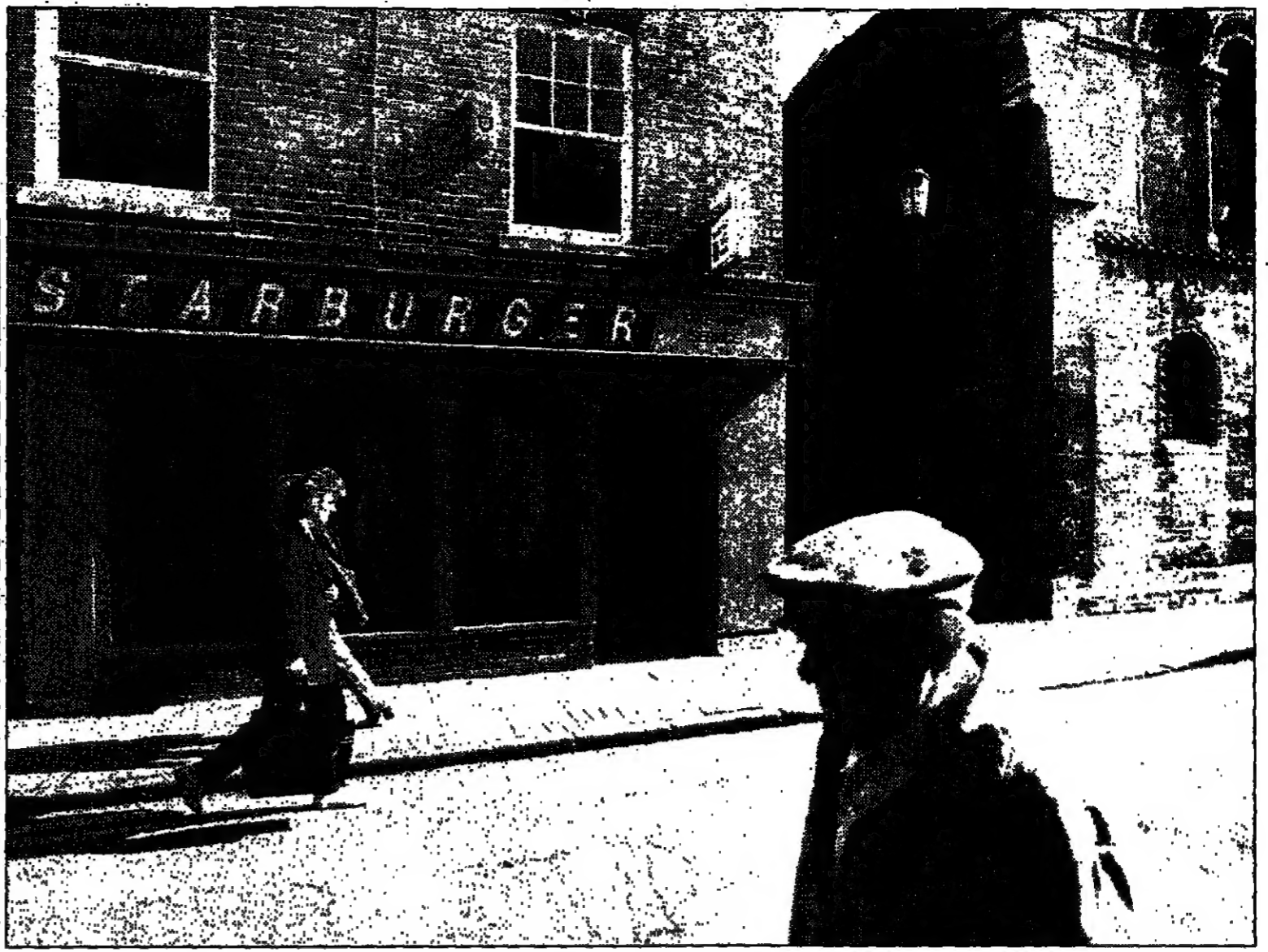
Tories face repeat of local disasters

John Curtice and Martin Linton

THE TORIES could lose between 400 and 700 seats and control of at least two of their true-blue councils in the local elections because of the strength of the Lib Dems and tactical voting.

chalk up gains among the 14 new unitary councils which are holding elections for the first time. The blue-rinse South coast towns of Bournemouth and Poole would take a swing back of only 6 per cent since last year to restore a smile to the face of the party chairman Brian Mawhinney.

most recent ICM poll puts the swing a little lower, at 11 per cent. If the Tories could repeat that performance their losses could be stemmed to as few as 400 which would enable Central Office to claim that recovery is on the way.



The market town of Huntingdon, 'Johnny boy's' constituency where burger culture cohabits in comfort with traditional England. PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SALLICE

Where the main parties stand in poll

CONSERVATIVES Will promote record on sale of council houses, parental choice in education, competition for council services, lower council taxes, sale of council estates to housing associations, control of staff budgets, and introduction of performance-related pay.

LABOUR Will promote examples of good Labour local authorities, especially partnerships with other bodies, eg McAlpine stadium, Huddersfield (Kirkless council), Manchester Metro, Birmingham International Conference Centre. Attack loss of trust in Tories.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS Will promote record as second party of local government, experiments in giving more grassroots powers to local voters, including postal surveys, record on protecting education in local authorities, and campaign for end to "capping" of local authority budgets.

No need for Major to curry favour in true-blue Huntingdon heartland

Gary Younge finds even two-legged Tories set to sweep board in PM's fiefdom

"PEOPLE here have always voted Tory and always will. That's just what they do. If you put a pig up for election and said it was a Tory it would still win," said Donald Macleod, who recently moved to Huntingdon.

Local elections: Huntingdonshire district council. In control: Conservative 20 seats, Labour 6, Liberal Democrats 12, Independents 3, Vacancies 2. Famous sons: Samuel Pepys, MP, naval administrator and chronicler of seventeenth century life.

Virtually monocultural and totally anodyne, it must be one of the few places in England where Rotarians are taken seriously and bar staff do not check £20 notes to see if they are forged.

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9 per cent — three times as much as the Tory-led district council. If that were not enough, county hall also plans to cut down on street lighting in a move branded by the chairman of Cambridgeshire police authority as "a burglar's charter".

has a huge personal following. And it is quite nice here, although you probably get a lot of Labour people on the estates," she said.

is a letter to the local paper, the Huntingdon Town Cryer. Ken Mays wrote to complain about Mr Major being tough on hospitals and nurses and too soft on asylum-seekers seeking medical treatment.

'Verbal advice only' to go to ministers on unlawful acts

CIVIL servants have been told that any warnings they give to ministers and senior officials that their actions might be unlawful must in future never be put in writing.

of justice by approaching potential defence witnesses. The Government is concerned about the growing number of legal challenges to its decisions through judicial review, and the steady erosion by the courts of the convention that official advice to ministers should be protected from disclosure.

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# Students expose Hong Kong farce

China's attempt to counter accusations of political intolerance backfired dramatically yesterday. Andrew Higgins reports

**C**HINA'S first attempt to canvass Hong Kong public opinion ahead of the 1997 handover descended into pandemonium yesterday, with the forcible eviction of invited student leaders and a Chinese mandarin fleeing by taxi from scuffles at a luxury hotel.

The fracas marred a week-end seen as an important test of China's readiness to tolerate dissent over plans for the territory after the departure, at midnight on June 30 next year, of Chris Patten, the 28th and last colonial governor.

During his visit to Britain, Mr Patten met John Major to discuss the fraught relations with China over the handover, and what British officials see as a crisis of confidence in the colony.

Anger over the scrapping of Hong Kong's elected legislature yesterday drew about 1,000 protesters for a march from the central business district to allow the consultation session to continue normally, we had no choice but to make them leave.

China argues that the current assembly cannot be allowed to continue past 1997 because it was elected under reforms introduced by Mr Patten without prior assent from Beijing.

Discussion, however, was restricted. The only item on the agenda in two days of meetings was the selection of a 400-member committee that will choose a provisional legislature.

"You turtle, with your head in your shell," said the official, Chen Ziyang, stirred a storm of protest last month when he told senior civil servants that they risked losing their jobs after 1997 if they did not declare their loyalty to a Beijing-appointed provisional legislature.

## Kohl gets to work on public spending cuts

Ian Traynor in Bonn

**C**HANCELLOR Helmut Kohl of Germany embarked on a delicate mission last night to slash welfare spending and initiate tax reforms, partly in the hope of getting the economy in shape for a single European currency.

many is to qualify to join the single currency Dr Kohl ardently supports. Mr Kohl, the entire national system, based on high wages, high overheads and generous welfare provision agreed through consensus between government, employers and unions, is being buffeted by the winds of globalisation and faces a medium-term crisis.



Nuclear deterrent... Demonstrators are sprayed by water cannons in Dannenberg, north Germany, during protests yesterday against a planned shipment of atomic waste from France on May 7

## Tutu promises to find truth, despite legal warnings

David Boreford in East London

**A**N EMBATTLED Archbishop Desmond Tutu said yesterday he was pressing ahead with his attempts to lay bare the atrocities of the apartheid era, as protesters on both sides of the old political divide threatened legal action to stop him.

## Ramaphosa gives up seat

**T**HE African National Congress wants Cyril Ramaphosa — who helped lead the party to power — to head a challenge to white minority domination of the economy, politicians and commentators said yesterday.

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The "mother" carries a "child" to one of 17 rows, each 500 feet long, to fetch the boxes for a consignment which the "child" gives to its "father" for loading on to a truck.

The Veneto — the expanse of flat land behind Venice — is today Italy's second most industrialised region, carpeted with workshops, factories and showrooms.

"There is one company for every 14 inhabitants," said

his support, Mr Bossi drove a merciless bargain that secured him 119 seats in the 630-member chamber of deputies, making the Northern League the biggest party in the lower house.

But many who put their X by the name of a League candidate were really voting for the right in general, and are unlikely to support a party which has since brought down Mr Berlusconi's conservative administration.

With Mr Bossi talking again of secession rather than federalism (he recently cast himself as Italy's Braveheart), the Northern League looks certain to suffer heavy losses outside its heartland of Lombardy, in areas like the Veneto.

The size of the defeat is crucial for it will decide whether the mercurial Mr Bossi holds the balance of power in a parliament otherwise forecast to be evenly balanced between left and right.

The man charged with holding Braveheart's flank in Benetton-land is a local businessman, Luciano Donner. Significantly perhaps, the sitting MP has been moved to a safe constituency.

Mr Donner emphasises that there is a widespread feeling in the Veneto that it has been neglected by Rome. But he is having a hard time explaining his leader's recent allusions to secession — which Mr Donner insists means "true federalism".

There is another factor, however: the League is a protest movement.

In a country where sartorial elegance counts for so much, one of the ways that Mr Bossi's followers mark themselves out is by dressing eccentrically. Mr Donner sports a psychedelic tie with a tattersal waistcoat.

This rebellious streak has made Northern League MPs reluctant to lobby for favours in Rome in the manner expected of Italian legislators. Last December, the Veneto business association took the unusual step of issuing a statement saying it had "expected a lot more" from the province's MPs.

Even so, there is enough anti-Rome feeling in Domenico Basso, a reporter for the local paper, *Tribuna di Treviso*, to predict that the Northern League's retreat will stop well short of a rout.

In 1994, members of the League were elected to four of the six seats in the chamber of deputies and two of the three senate seats.

"This time, they should take three seats in the lower house and one — possibly two — in the upper house," he said.

The League may be down, but it is not yet out.

## Italy's Braveheart faces heavy losses

Across a crucial battleground in Sunday's general election, the Northern League is in trouble, John Hooper in Treviso reports

**T**HE mothers are green, the fathers are blue, and their eight children are yellow. They are all 70 feet tall.

There is something distinctively Italian about the way the workers at Benetton's main production facility near Treviso see the monster robots that glide around its "automated distribution centre" (the merchandise, apparently, does not stay long enough for it to be considered a warehouse).

## Britain would not be left out, ministers hint

John Palmer in Verona

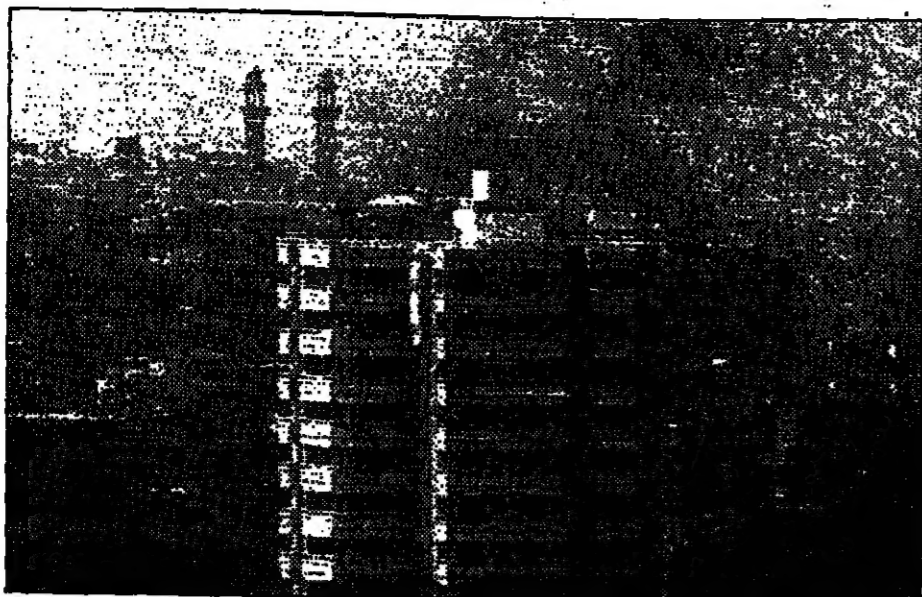
**B**RITAIN'S European Union partners have indicated they will not exclude Britain from a single European currency in 1999, even if it stays out of a revamped European exchange rate mechanism (ERM).

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Only the old and obstinate remain in the south after warnings • United Nations says raids are becoming random



Air raid... Smoke billows from Beirut's Ghobeiri district yesterday after Israeli fighters hit suspected Hizbullah positions in the Lebanese capital



Road to despair... Residents flee the Lebanese port of Tyre yesterday after the Israeli army said it would bombard the city

'We're all Hizbullah here. The Israelis are terrorists and the Arab governments are below the ground. At least our boys are defending our land'

Tyre is ghost town as residents flee Israeli vengeance

David Hirst in Tyre

THROUGHOUT the night they piled into any available vehicles, taking little but the clothes they stood in, the occasional mattress and kitchen utensils. They took buses by stage, the men fighting for places for their wives and children.

about 11am, one hour before the new deadline. Then they extended it twice again, first to 3pm, then to 6pm. But this last warning was even broader in scope.

where most of the southerners fetch up. The rest of the south is now almost as empty as Tyre. No more than 10-15 per cent of the inhabitants have remained in any village, according to a UN spokesman.

The UN put up a tent for them in its logistics compound. The refugees had come in over the past two days from surrounding villages, and in the previous few hours some had come in from the city itself, from homes a mere stone's throw away.

THE army has confiscated the cellular phones of Israeli soldiers serving in Lebanon because of fears that military secrets were being given away, a military source said.

Six people, including four children, died in an ambush on a "Hizbullah" truck on Saturday. As far as the spokesman knew, the ambulance belonged to the private charity of a rich banker and it was doing precisely what the Israelis claimed they wanted: getting the people out of their villages to spare them the wrath to come.

Some war victims more equal than others

Commentary

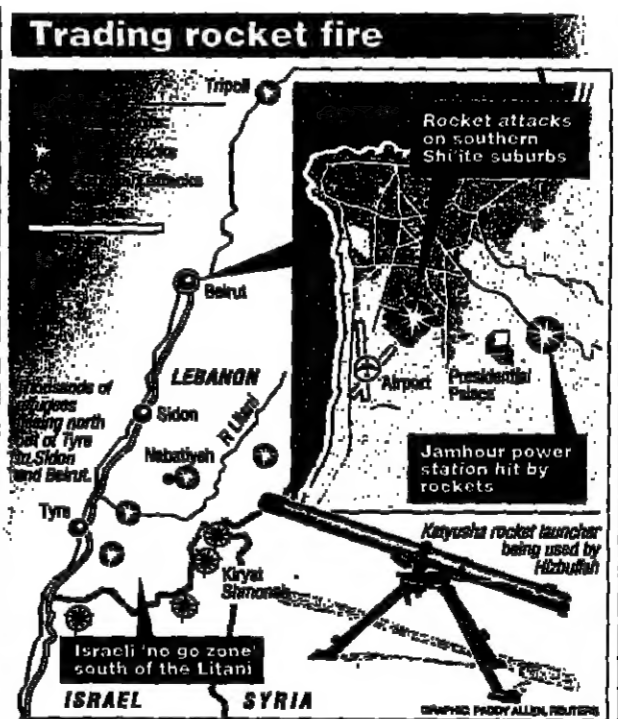
Derek Brown in Jerusalem

IN CONFLICTS, all analogies and comparisons are inherently misleading. What follows, instead, is a fantasy.

Trading rocket fire

Tipical

From the town targeted most by Hizbullah, Kiryat Shimon, in the Galilee peninsula, nearly half the residents have fled south.



How violence escalated

March 4: Hizbullah guerrillas kill four Israeli soldiers in the zone in south Lebanon occupied by Israel.

Power-brokers seek editor

Martin Walker in Washington

AMERICA'S power-brokers are taking a close interest in who succeeds the British editor Andrew Sullivan at the leading political weekly, the New Republic.

New Republic." The publisher and owner of the New Republic is Marty Peretz, a Harvard professor who married the heiress to the Singer sewing machine fortune.

Charles Lane, who used to cover Central America and Bosnia for Newsweek, another could be White House correspondent Matt Cooper, currently the swim of former Clinton campaign star Mandy Grunwald.

News in brief

Wrong evacuation message 'sent victims to deaths'

THE wrong evacuation message was broadcast during Thursday's fire at Düsseldorf airport, which may have been the cause of some of the 16 deaths, officials said.

ETA hostage finally freed

The Basque separatist group ETA yesterday released the businessman José María Aldaya after holding him for almost a year, the longest the group has ever held a hostage.

Oil deal at risk

Abdul Amir al-Anbari, Iraq's chief negotiator in the oil-for-food talks, yesterday accused the United Nations of "changing the goal posts" in the negotiations, and warned the UN position could torpedo a deal to resume Iraqi oil sales.

Sheikh's appeal

Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, the blind Egyptian cleric convicted of a plot to bomb the United Nations and other New York sites, has appealed to followers to help end what he calls humiliating treatment in jail.

Killers denounced

In a reference to Islamic fundamentalist violence, the Pope yesterday denounced those who "kill in the name of God" and appealed for closer Muslim-Christian ties during an address to North African bishops in Tunisia. — AP.

'Anarchy' reigns in Monrovia

TERRIFIED Liberians have been left to fend for themselves among gangs of gunmen and looters in the capital, Monrovia, as aid workers abandoned the country.

Khaled barred

Israel barred Lella Khaled, who sprang to fame when she hijacked an American airliner in 1986, from entering the West Bank Palestinian self-rule area yesterday at the Allenby Bridge from Jordan. — Reuters.

Bases 'crucial'

The United States defence secretary, William Perry, seeking to preserve US military bases in Japan following

The days of two dull men sitting in a studio discussing an agenda which is comprehensible only in Annie's Bar should have gone. Media G2 page 7

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Tonle Bati Diary

Nick Cumming-Bruce

TONLE BATI is a pleasant spot for dressing away the cares of the world...

Now the road from Phnom Penh is packed at weekends with city dwellers driving the 25 miles to picnic on the covered bamboo platforms...

Locals drifting up at the sight of a foreign visitor soon break into grim, if inconsis-

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Chhoun thinks some 2,000 people were killed at the prison. Every day one or two of the half-starved inmates died of sickness...

But that is all in the past. He doesn't think about it these days, even wandering through the neighbouring fields where the killing occurred...

It seemed pointless to explain that a vast mound of documents has been unearthed in Phnom Penh by researchers from Yale...



Lukewarm Lazarus from Potter

Commentary

Mark Lawson

THERE is a famous Hollywood joke about the actress who was so stupid that she slept with a writer to help her career...

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The Department of Trade and Industry has now threatened that it will seek an ex parte injunction unless by 5pm today I agree to return the copy or copies of the MMC's report which it alleges I have in my possession...

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Posthumous work poses a considerable problem for criticism, but, in general, reviewers are only faced with an unrevised play, a bottom-drawer novel, old-fashioned journalism...

Regrettably - on paper, anyway - they confirm the melancholy pattern of most artistic careers, which, represented as a graph, will almost always display a pyramid shape...

THIS creative slippage is all there to be seen in Potter's career. The way that he held original tropes - miming to songs, multi-layered plotting - can become mere habit...

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Good riddance to the patriarchy



Beatrix Campbell

ROS COWARD is angry with the wrong people. Her bizarre spectacle of a feminist farva against anyone who dares to discuss fatherhood (April 12) doesn't describe the feminists I know...

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have exposed the history of the breadwinner not as nature but the outcome of a bitter struggle by men to purge women from the labour market and the public domain...

The breadwinner is an endangered species because all workers are breadwinners now. And men are challenged by the discovery that many women would often prefer to parent their children alone and in poverty rather than put up with men who bring them more pain than pleasure...

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Journalist Adam Raphael, threatened by a Whitehall injunction, explains why he will not betray the source of his story on proposed electricity-industry mergers

Power of secrets

NOTHING so concentrates the mind of a journalist as the imminence of a court order which might lead to the betrayal of a source...



tributed the information in my story to "friends of Jeffrey Archer" - a well-worn journalistic conceit for information given in confidence...

Without, I hope, sounding too pious, I think my record shows that I do care both about protecting sources and my reputation as a journalist who can be trusted to honour confidences...

But that is all in the past. He doesn't think about it these days, even wandering through the neighbouring fields where the killing occurred...

Vassall spy case. Partly as a result of the protest that these sentences provoked, the law of contempt was modified in 1981 to give journalists qualified protection against having to disclose their sources...

Why do journalists make such a song and dance about the need to protect their sources? Cynics may say it is just a matter of self-interest...

point is that this will replace the whole issue of access charges and the very considerable powers which the Rail Regulator has...

laughter" from Mr Bouter's audience. The laugh is on the taxpayers, who are also likely to become curious about "what happened to the billion pounds" (per annum), as they watch Railtrack sharing the spoils with Mr Bouter and his fellow operators...

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consideration which over-estimated recipients of the Hargreaves Lansdown sales blurb might do well to consider. It also points to the wider reality that no privatisation has ever been so vulnerable to the prying of a few political levers by an incoming government...

While property may provide the cream, it is this artificial system of access charges which is at the heart of Railtrack's finances. The Tories have tried to underwrite it through contractual agreements between train operators and Railtrack...

Perhaps the most succinct account of how the fragmented railway is being financed came recently from Mr Brian Souter, chairman of Stagecoach, when he addressed the British Venture Capital Association. Previously, he said, there had been a \$4 billion rail business which had \$800 million of government subsidy...

And then there is safety, which does not come cheaply. The extraordinary level of scepticism among the company's own managers about how it is responding to its safety remit reinforces Labour's belief that a privatised Railtrack cannot be its own watchdog...

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Inspector



George Mackay Brown

Poet of island life

GEORGE Mackay Brown, who has died aged 74, belonged to that great generation of Scottish writers...

easily accomplished could have any value. He believed himself lucky to have contracted tuberculosis as a young man...

fishermen, the description of Orkney life in Hamnavoe, George's fictional Orkney village based on his beloved Stromness...

to deal with darker themes like death and the loss of innocence. Perhaps his greatest prose collection is A Time To Keep (1989) which includes several masterpieces...



George Mackay Brown... a celebrant of Orkney life in all its wonder and humility

Under Brinkie's Brae

This morning -- as I write -- is April 3rd, and the first wash of Spring has gone over the earth...

threads of daffodils, a lovely spread garment for Primavera. (Goodness, I seem to have got my images all confused -- chalcids, tapers, coats -- but one may be allowed a little exuberance, tasting now the first wine of spring...

He continued his habit of writing every day until the end. His last published novel, Beside The Ocean Of Time (1994) was shortlisted for the Booker prize...

his weekly column, Under Brinkie's Brae, for the local paper, The Orcadian, right up until last week...

ation of the close relationship between George and the composer, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, also resident in Orkney...

This reticent, considerate, loving man will be much missed. George was incapable of spite, violence or hatred, but filled with a love of people...

man. They are caught up with elements in a grave, beautiful dance of fruition, and the things that really matter to us are "ordinary as pebbles, shells, seapinks, stars"...

Joy Newton

Pioneer of the dance



Newton... enchanting

Joy Newton, who has died aged 82, was one of the six girls who, with their leader, Ninette de Valois, formed the nucleus of the Vic-Wells Ballet...

Ballet. From 1963 to 1969 she taught at the Royal Ballet School and, after retirement, was ever ready to help with revivals of ballets from the early repertoire...

Alfred Elmhirst

Land and fair play

ALFRED Elmhirst (known as Pom), who has died aged 94, was the last survivor of a family of eight Yorkshire brothers and one sister...

ford, the adviser to Charles I, who was executed on Tower Hill in 1641. For some years Pom travelled to London on May 12, the anniversary of the execution, to place a wreath in memory of Strafford whom Pom thought deserved more honour than he had got...

and, at one time, Labour chairman of the Worsbrough Urban District Council, before successive reforms undermined local government. For many years he was chairman of the local comprehensive school, Worsbrough High School, and he was on the Board of Governors of many other local schools...

Sam Green

Arts which is doing for

Birthdays

SAM GREEN, who has died aged 83, was responsible for reorganising and expanding Remploy, the leading employer of the disabled, and placing the company on a firm industrial footing...

Lord (Jeffrey) Archer, novelist, 58; Sir Adrian Cadbury, City regulator, 67; Tony Calvert, founder, Terrence Higgins Trust, 46; Eva Figgis, writer, 64; Vigdis Finnbogadóttir, president of Iceland, 66; Samantha Fox, model and singer, 38; Lord Geraint, former Liberal Democrat MP, 71; Patrick Gillman, chairman, Standard Chartered Bank, chairman, Asda, 63; Sir Tim Lankester, economist, 54; John Lloyd, journalist, 50; Sir Neville Martinson, conductor, 72; Alan Plater, screenwriter, 61; Emma Thompson, actress, 37; Dr Richard von Weizsäcker, former president of Germany, 78; Maury Wilde, former rock singer, 57.

Death Notices

SAWAGE, Kerrigan Andrew (Kael), of Broomfield, Bucks, aged 28, tragically died in a motor accident in Dorset on 5 April 78. Beloved younger son of Margaret and Malcolm, died brother to Jon and Julia. For arrangements please contact H.C. Green, 100, High Street, Broomfield, Bucks. Tel: 01295 451111. A children's charity, in memory of A.C. Sawage, is being set up. See 24 Contingent St, London, EC2P 3AH.

Jackdaw



Philo-hate

AS LONG AS there has been such a subject as philosophy, there have been people who hated and despised it. I do not want to exaggerate, in a self-pitying or self-dramatising way, the present extent or intensity of this dislike...

regarded as much like that of night-soil workers. Still less are they like American lawyers, notoriously considered powerful, ubiquitous and horrible. Few people, after all, think about philosophy much, and some of those who do may well regard them with a mildly bemused respect...

indeed we can -- philosophers are motivated by curiosity. But that is not their only motive, and particularly in asking political and ethical questions about justice, the right use of power, and what sorts of life might be worth living, they have wanted to be helpful. They have even hoped, some of them, to redeem or transform humanity.

ARIES: Considering the hardship and embarrassment you've endured, you should be crowned with laurel leaves, not rejected, passed over, or ignored. Human nature being what it is, though, people tend to detach and pull away and wait for you to sink.

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Locals who caught two men who had run away earlier in the year had dragged them behind cars and poured diesel fuel in their ears. The prison, located in a field near a market, had a pocked, easily scalable wall and a metal gate of the type used to keep cows in pastures. After a brief tour (grimy, open rooms, relatively contented-looking inmates sprawled on floor mats), I went down a path lined with hibiscus and into a high-ceilinged room. Otto emerged from a small door. He was stout and bald, had a brown beard going white, and wore flip-flops and a dirty T-shirt.

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Rugby League

Stones Super League
St Helens 26, Bradford Bulls 20

Bulls scent a Wembley stampede

Paul Fitzpatrick

THERE will be few dissatisfied customers at Wembley on Saturday week if the Challenge Cup final between these teams is as competitive and intense as this. The first half, which Saints dominated to lead 24-8, underlined their position as Cup favourites, but the second half was a different story. A late penalty from Goulding was their only score as the Bulls hit back with two tries from Matt Calland, his third in all, and two goals from McNamara. Had the Bulls taken even one of four chances that fell to McDerby, Bradlow, Bradley and Paul they might have achieved one of their finest victories for years. Paul Cook's place-kicking, usually so reliable, also let them down. The former Leeds full-back missed with three good chances. St Helens were left with other problems to ponder: five minutes from time via Matatiaa was sent off for elbowing Simon Knox, and anything more than a one-match ban would put him out of the final. Certain to miss Wembley is James Lewis; he is cup-tied and that is a shame. The former Leeds booker had an outstanding afternoon and he will be sorely missed, though the Bulls will have two highly influential forwards in Jeremy Donaghy and Karl Fairbank available. Both were absent yesterday. Saints were never the same after losing Apollo Perrelli, who had scored a remarkable try in the first half. He broke the first line of defence in his own half and ran 60 metres for the touchdown. It would have been a good score from a top-class centre; from a prop it was astonishing. Soon after half-time Perrelli went off with a recurrence of knee trouble and Saints subsided badly as the ever-improving Calland scored good tries in the 50th and 72nd minute and McNamara landed his first goals since arriving from Hull. The 18-year-old winger Danny Arnold maintained his scoring run for Saints with his 10th try in four games. It arrived in the third minute and, when Gibbs easily cut through to score from McVey's short pass, the Bulls seemed to be on a hiding to nothing. They retaliated with tries from Calland and Scales but, with Newlove scoring against his former colleagues, the Bulls were still 16 points adrift at the interval. Plenty of recent Bradford sides would have crumpled at that point; this one got better and better. Their coach Brian Smith swallowed his disappointment. "I'm proud to be in charge of these men," he said. He named: Matt Arnold, Gabe, Newlove, Perrelli, Hammonds, Donaghy, Cunningham, Leatham, Joynt, McVey, Morley, Substitutes: Hayes, Varyin, Matatiaa, Pocklington, Bradford: Cook, Chris, Calland, Leatham, Scales, Bracken, Paul, McVey, McNamara, Substitutes: Donaghy, Newlove, N Smith, Callaghan.



Bull rush... Bradford's McNamara loses possession while charging the hard-pressed St Helens defence

Five-try Wigan back in swing

WIGAN regained their form of old as they eased to a 28-10 victory at Castleford last night, thanks to tries from Connolly, Farrell, Paul, Robinson and McVey. Sheffield Eagles overcame the challenge of London Broncos, scoring six tries in a 34-18 win after the sides had been deadlocked at 12-12 at the break. It was the Eagles third win in a row. Warrington will find out today whether the Wigan prop Kelvin Skerrett is willing to assist their rebuilding programme. The 29-year-old Great Britain forward spent the weekend considering a move to Widnespool after being told he was not wanted by the champions that he could leave. Alex Murphy, Wire's football executive, wants an answer today.

Connolly comes under scrutiny

JOHN CONNOLLY put Leeds' George Mann on report for a slight tackle on John Clarke at Oldham on Saturday, and the Rugby Football League will probably want to look at another dubious challenge by Mann which stunned Clarke later, writes Paul Fitzpatrick. But it may also want to take a look at Connolly's performance, for a controversial decision late in the game by the Wigan referee played a significant part in Leeds' fourth successive defeat. Connolly sent Anthony Gibbons, the young Leeds full-back, to the sin-bin in the 64th minute, apparently for ball-stealing. This used to be a six-minuting offence but is now allowed in a one-on-one situation, which this clearly was. Gibbons' departure reduced Leeds to 12 men at a time when they had cut an early 17-0 deficit to one point and were looking capable of registering their first win in the Super League. It cost them two points for the penalty and, while Gibbons was absent, Crompton scored his second try of the game. Mann added the goal and the game for Oldham, at 25-16, was safe. Connolly made news during the Centenary season when he miscounted the tackles in a tight game at Thrum Hall in January, a mistake which helped Halifax beat Warrington 30-14. Connolly was stood down from his next match and his remaining fixtures were reviewed. Three tries from their international centre, Pierre Chabornin helped Paris Oyonnais to a 22-10 victory over Wigan last week. Connolly is entered for Thursday's Craven Stakes at Newmarket, but is more likely to go to Newbury unless there is a lot of rain in Berkshire in the next day or so - his trainer, Dick Hern, does not want him to run on soft ground. Chabornin, winner of the Racing Post Trophy and supplemented last week for the Vodafone Derby, is a Craven favourite, but the most interesting runner is Pomard from the John Gosden stable.

Racing

Alhaarth has Craven as a soft option

Chris Hawkins

THIS week marks the beginning of the Flat season proper and the build-up to the Classics, first of which, the 2,000 Guineas, is less than three weeks away. Although the Newmarket Craven meeting, which begins tomorrow, features several important trials it looks as if Newbury will be the real place to watch with Bosra Sham, favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, due to run in Friday's Fred Darling Stakes and the 2,000 hot pot Alhaarth in Saturday's Greenham Stakes. The last time the 2,000 Guineas and 2,000 Guineas was in 1988 when Ravinella and Doyoun both obliged at odds of 4-5. Alhaarth is already that short, while Bosra Sham is down to 11-8 following encouraging reports of her progress this spring. At least, in Blue Duster, a 7-2 chance with Hill's, there is viable alternative to Bosra Sham, but David Loder, trainer of this filly who was unbeaten as a two-year-old, is keeping her under wraps until the Guineas itself. She will not be seen in any of the trials, which leaves tomorrow's Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes short of significance unless there is a scintillating performance from her stable companion Maid For The Hills or John Dunlop's Bint Salsabil, neither of whom figure in the betting at the moment. The Crigette Head-trained filly A Vore Sents has advanced steadily in the antepost market and now stands at 10-1 with Hill's, but she is not yet a certain runner. Apparently no decision will be taken until next weekend after the stable's Occupant has run at Longchamps. Alhaarth is entered for Thursday's Craven Stakes at Newmarket, but is more likely to go to Newbury unless there is a lot of rain in Berkshire in the next day or so - his trainer, Dick Hern, does not want him to run on soft ground. Chabornin, winner of the Racing Post Trophy and supplemented last week for the Vodafone Derby, is a Craven favourite, but the most interesting runner is Pomard from the John Gosden stable.

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Hexham (N.H.) runners and riders

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Over the top

FRANKIE DETTORI part-nered Overbury to an easy victory in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup in Hong Kong yesterday, but the Sha Tin steward's representative from the winner and requested that he never again perform his spectacular feat in the Colony.

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CLAYMORES USURP MONARCHS IN OVERTIME



Snapshot... the London Monarchs get down to business in their first game of the new season at White Hart Lane yesterday in front of more than 16,000

Hastings leaves Fridge in the cold

Richard Williams sees the Edinburgh side win 24-21 in a worthy attempt to transfer the spirit of Braveheart to the World League

AS multicultural rituals go, yesterday's inaugural Sudweiser Cup was not even the biggest thing in north London, where the observance of the Greek Orthodox Easter occupied more thoughts than the arcane of American football.

World League of American Football kicked off on Saturday in Düsseldorf, where 32,000 people turned out to watch the opening game in which Rhein Fire were defeated 37-21 by Frankfurt Galaxy, the 1995 champions.

Yesterday the crowd at White Hart Lane for the match between the London Monarchs and the Scottish Claymores was officially given as 16,298, which seemed to be erring considerably on the side of optimism.

Neither man could be said to represent the future of the game, but to celebrate their joint debut the league's co-sponsors invented the Sudweiser Cup, to be presented to the winner of the first game between the Monarchs and the Claymores each season.

The Monarchs took the lead towards the end of the second quarter when Jones found the impressive Green, formerly of UCLA, with a second-down pass that made the required two yards. Hurst again kicked the point, as he did with only another 27 seconds gone on the clock after the safety Darren Studstill intercepted Matthews' desperate throw from inside his own end zone and ran 20 yards for the home side's third touchdown, giving the Monarchs a 21-7 lead at the interval.

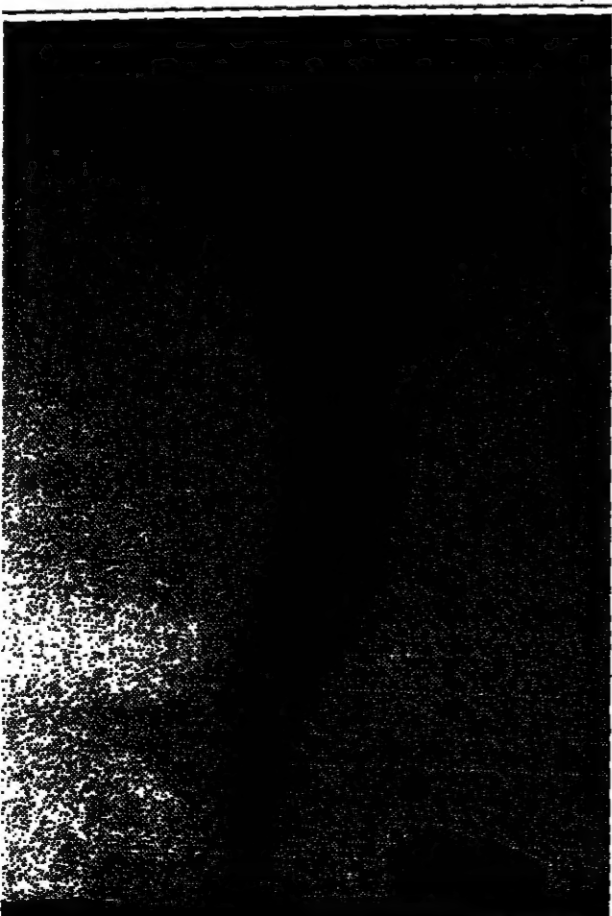
Only 1min 53sec remained on the clock when Sean Lachapelle of the Kansas City Chiefs outplayed the Monarchs' triple coverage, the wide-receiver taking Matthews' 25-yard lob and giving Hastings the chance to tie the scores at 21-21. That Hastings said, was the most nervous moment he had ever experienced when taking a kick of any kind.

'Gavin handled himself like a pro. You'd have thought he'd been playing for 25 years'

wide receiver Larry Wallace and the running back Gaston Green made inroads into the Claymores' defence at the start of the second quarter before the Monarchs equalised through Tony Vinson, of the Atlanta Falcons, who held on to the former Georgia State quarterback Preston Jones' hazing pass into the left corner. Kevin Hurst added the extra point.

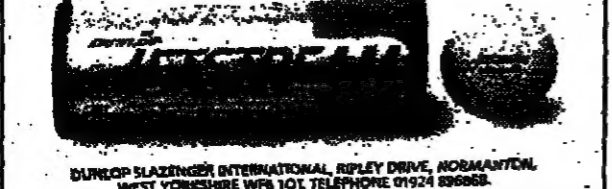
ing the Monarchs a 21-7 lead at the interval. Sean Stacy, a running-back from Alabama, cut the lead to 21-14 with a touchdown for the Claymores late in the third quarter after Sean Crocker had made the hit of the match to stop Matthews one yard from the Monarchs' line. Again Hastings made a brief appearance, comfortably slotting the kick.

Larry Wallace's long, jinking broken-field run to the Claymores' 38-yard line gave Sonny Fessio the chance of a field goal with three seconds left, but the Oklahoma kicker's bad slice took the game into overtime, decided with 3min 46sec left when Paul McCallum, the designated long-range kicker, put over a 57-yard field goal for the Claymores.



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Ice Hockey

Double first for Britain

Tony Allen in Eindhoven GREAT BRITAIN finally got off the mark in Pool B of the world championships here with two wins at the weekend in alloy-growing fears of relegation.

Athletics

No troubles for Jackson in Johannesburg

COLIN JACKSON, the world-record holder, put his domestic troubles behind him to win the event in the All Africa International in Johannesburg yesterday. The Welshman's 13.38sec was enough to beat Igor Kovac of Slovakia into second place.

Badminton

England chance for bronze

RICHARD JAGO in Herning PETER KNOWLES's unexpected win over the world No. 23 Jeroen van Dijk hastened a 4-1 victory over the Netherlands and left England in contention for bronze medals against Russia at the European Championships here in Denmark today.

Basketball

Bears left with a mountain to climb

Robert Pyco THE Worthing Bears are looking for a new owner next season and a couple of miracles this week. After limping through the spring they came on strong in the first game of the play-offs on Saturday but still fell short.

Baseball

Kenya to victory at the International Amateur Athletic Federation World Relay Championships in Copenhagen yesterday.

Joseph Kimani led Kenya to victory at the International Amateur Athletic Federation World Relay Championships in Copenhagen yesterday. His six-man team completed the marathon distance race in 40 seconds over two hours.

Cycling

Museeuw finds heaven at the end of Hell

François Thomazou

JOHAN MUSEEUW, Belgium's king of the classics, won the centenary Paris-Roubaix event yesterday in a procession for his Mapei team as they took the first three places.

Ballerini missed the chance to join the Mapei breakaway when he suffered three punctures in quick succession and, though he came back strongly enough to suggest he could have caught up, cycling team ethics ruled out such an attempt.

Museeuw broke away with his Italian team-mates Gianluca Bortolami and Andrea Tafi about 75 kilometres from the end of the 283.5km course over the cobbles and narrow lanes of northern France in the race known as the Hell of the North.

But the friendly pact between the three looked set to break down when they started arguing among themselves near the end and it took busy discussions with the team director Patrick Lefevre to arrange a suitable finish.

It was the team boss who decided 'I would win at the end,' said Museeuw. 'It's an incredible feeling.'

His victory was well-earned after a gruelling six-hour race in which dry weather and dust resulted in clouds of dust being thrown into the faces of riders.

Museeuw had taken part in an earlier breakaway with Erik Zabel of Germany, Wilfried Peeters of Belgium and Laurent Desbiens of France and the four were caught only at the cobbled stretch of Wallers-Arenberg midway through the race.

Hockey

Poor sales pitch for Atlanta Games

Pat Rowley in Atlanta

CHAOS continued to dog the pre-Olympic tournament here yesterday. The main pitch at Clark University was still unfit for action because it was too wet, while play on the practice pitch that has been used instead was delayed because it was not wet enough.

conditions that ought to have suited Britain, especially on a poor pitch, but it was the world champions' better control that proved decisive.

It did not help Britain's cause that they conceded a goal in the second minute. The Pakistani right-winger Asif Bajwa always had the pace to trouble Simon Hazitt and after going past Britain's left-half he beat the goalkeeper Simon Mason from a tight angle.

Bajwa also helped set up Pakistan's second goal a minute before half-time, following a counter-attack from a British corner. The newcomer Alesam Raza seized the chance from close range.

Pakistan did not win a single corner while Britain wasted four, struggling to control the ball on the bumpy pitch. Britain's manager Lester Whitaker who said that the pitch had been 'just impossible', was very disappointed that Britain did not get more out of the game.

'We took the game to them and should have done better with the pressure we put on and the amount of ball we had, especially in the first 40 minutes, but we were punished for two pieces of sloppy defending.'

Britain's Olympic women, having lost 1-0 to the Netherlands at Milton Keynes on Saturday, have flown out to join the chaos in Atlanta.

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Soccer

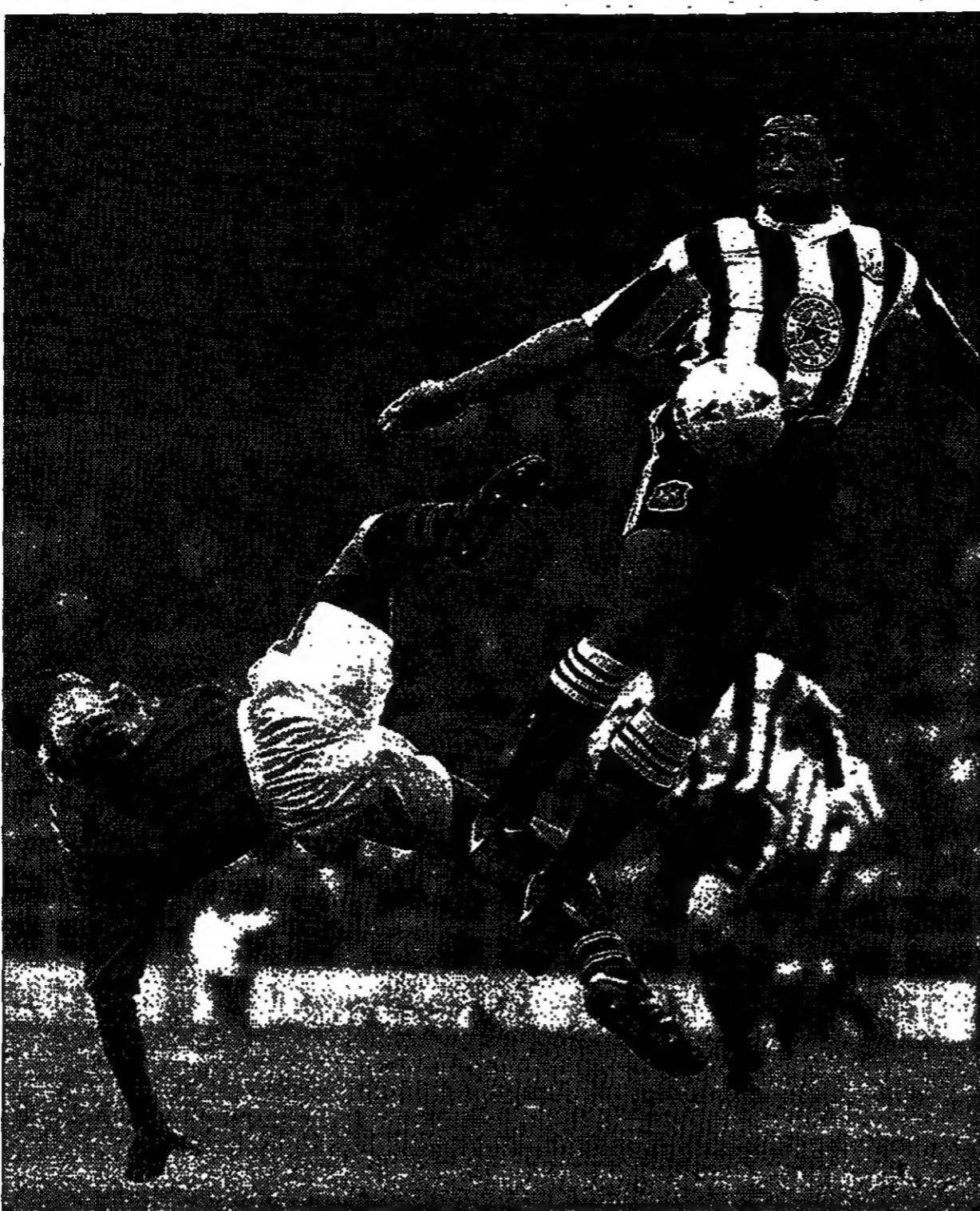
Premiership: Newcastle United 1, Aston Villa 0

Ferdinand revitalises the race...

David Lacey

NEWCASTLE United picked up the championship scent yesterday to leave St James' Park baying anew for its first title in 88 years...

tested itself in a public slanging match between Keegan and Beresford... The Newcastle manager appeared to be telling Beresford to get tighter on Charles...



Soaring Magpie... Newcastle's match-winner Les Ferdinand rises to the title challenge above Taylor

Southampton 3, Manchester United 1

...as Reds trip on Saints' day

Commentary Martin Thorpe

THIS was the weekend that football lovers experienced the problems of premature evaluation, a psychological weakness afflicting those who crown a team as champions before they have actually won the title...

Dodd after 20 seconds before the captain Steve Bruce, back in the side after injury, committed a petulant and unnecessary foul on Charlton in retaliation for perceived offence seconds earlier...

The struggle for survival

Coventry City 1, Queens Park Rangers 0

Strachan calm in eye of storm

Jeremy Alexander

EVEN in an age of heavy running there is a place for 35-year-olds, especially in a game of acute importance there was Coventry...

where few allowed themselves a split-second for poise. Richardson, 33, was another, as well as Gallen, who hit bar and post, Sinclair and Imprey for Rangers...

Manchester City 1, Sheffield Wednesday 0

Ball rediscovers the Ooh-vay way

Cynthia Bateman

CITY supporters held their heads, bit their nails, cursed, pleaded, some resorted to hip flasks, others to prayer, and their prayers were answered as the Blues hung on to three precious Premiership survival points...

time Pressman made a brilliant save to tip his rising shot over. For the second half Quinn and Phillips replaced Lomas and Kayelashvili...

West Ham United 1, Bolton Wanderers 0

Todd left hoping for miracles

Russell Thomas

WHEN Bolton are finally excited from the Premier, notice may still be delayed until at least April 27 - Colin Todd will want his team remembered for this type of composed, often stylish, performance that mocked their former situation...

quacies both defensively and up front. While Todd's confidence in the quick, inventive Curcio is the main reason for his faith in Blake as the lone striker...



Dell boys... Southampton celebrate Shipperley's goal as Beckham contemplates a grey day for United

Ince helps Inter plunder eight as Milan march towards title

PAUL INCE scored for the second time in three matches as his Internazionale side thrashed Padova 8-2 in their Serie A encounter at the San Siro stadium yesterday...

they meet a struggling Torino next week. A superb long-range shot from Diego Fuser set Lazio on their way to a 2-1 win over Parma that lifts the Rome side into fifth place...

Scottish Premier Division: Hibernian 1, Celtic 2

Dutch of class keeps jaded Celtic in title contention

Patrick Glenn

A DOUBLE from the Dutchman Pierre van Hooydonk kept Celtic in championship contention yesterday with this victory at Easter Road...

tially fatal blunder at this fourth fence from home. They had looked jaded in last Wednesday's scrambled draw with Kilmarnock and against a Hibernian side reduced to 10 men after Love had been sent off for clouting Van Hooydonk with a swinging arm...

in the 51st minute with a powerful, left-footed volley from the corner of the penalty area. Celtic began to trouble Leigh-ton and his defenders. Van Hooydonk's powerful header from Donnelly's centre from the right midway through the second half gave Celtic fresh impetus...

pass on the right and, having outstripped the home defence, rolled the ball to Van Hooydonk, who slid it into an unguarded net from eight yards. The odds are still against Celtic catching Rangers, who returned to form by thrashing Partick Thistle 5-0 at Ibrox...

that David Murray has made an offer for Gianluca Vialli that has been deemed acceptable by the Juventus player's representatives. The Rangers chairman met with Vialli's agent Claudio Pasqualin, as well as his lawyer, for four hours at Murray's Edinburgh headquarters last week...

pires in the summer. He will be 32 in July, however, and any club paying the kind of money being mentioned, around \$6 million for three years, will surely insist on paying for appearances only.

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Shrewsbury sub surfaces at Wembley... Lynch rises well to a second-half cross but finds four Rotherham defenders in his wake

Auto Windscreen Shield Final: Rotherham United 2, Shrewsbury Town 1

Clough cohorts unearth a Jemson

Paul Weaver at Wembley... THE Auto Windscreen Shield presented to Rotherham United yesterday had Brian Clough's fingerprints all over it. The club is managed by Archie Gemmill and John McGovern, who collected trophies galore with Clough in their Derby County and Nottingham Forest years. Nigel Jemson, who scored both Rotherham goals to make the man-of-the-match verdict simple, is also a former Clough player. He had three happy years at Forest and scored their winner against Oldham in the 1990 Littlewoods Cup final before moving to Sheffield Wednesday in September 1991. Four months later his career appeared over when he was cut from the wreckage of his sponsored car. He eventually signed for Notts County but, although he has made a full recovery and is still only 26, he appears to have no future either there or with Rotherham, despite his seven goals in 13 games on loan. "I would love to have him but we simply can't afford him," said Gemmill after the match. "He can hold it up, play it and score goals. But I thought it was a team performance today." Overshadowed by the big Sheffield clubs, Rotherham have been light on silverware over the years. They have never got beyond the fifth round of the FA Cup and their league records have been equally modest. The Auto Windscreen Shield may not be much but it is a start. Considering that Rotherham are level on points just above the relegation zone in the Second Division, a closer contest might have been expected. Until Shrewsbury scored in the last 10 minutes, however, this was a very one-sided game. "The occasion got to us," said Town's manager Fred Davies. "We did not do ourselves justice. We didn't rise to the occasion. Having said that, the lad who scored both their goals was the difference between the two teams. He was composed when it mattered." Rotherham went ahead in the 20th minute when Blades took a throw-in on the left. Goeary, who had helped to organise the tailoring of this final to his native Bermuda, rounded Walton and pulled the ball back for Jemson to score with a simple left-footed shot. A double gift assisted Jemson's second goal after 55 minutes. Walton under-hit his header back to the goalkeeper Edwards, who compounded the error by misdirecting the ball wildly at Jemson, who was left with an open goal.

Soccer First Division: Ipswich Town 2, Norwich City 1

Fans and Gunn in derby storm

Carl Adams... THREE Norwich players claimed they were hit by fans invading the Portman Road pitch at the end of an incident-studded derby in which Ipswich's winger, Robert Wilson, came through a bizarre own goal by Robert Ullathorne. Ullathorne reported bruised ribs, while his teammates Carl Bradshaw and Robert Fleck also maintained they were hit. There was a further claim that the Norwich goalkeeper Bryan Gunn had struck a spectator who would not release the ball shortly before the end of the game, in which seven players were booked by Jim Rushton, all in the first half. Norwich's manager Gary Megson was philosophical about the invading fans. "These things shouldn't happen," he said. "I don't want to be dwelling on some of the actions who came on to the pitch after the game. "Of course I'm not happy with it but it's up to the referee and up to Ipswich. But I don't think there's much they could do about it." Megson exonerated both Ullathorne and Gunn, who missed as he attempted to kick clear his colleague's back pass, for the own-goal four minutes from time. Megson blamed the pock-marked Portman Road surface on which Ullathorne's pass clearly bobbed. "It wasn't a mistake," he said. "It was a freak. I don't think you see that too often. It's a lousy way to lose any game, especially a derby." Norwich, who had four men booked, had several other reasons to feel hard done by. One of Ipswich's yellow cards went to their 18-year-old goal-

Sheffield United 0, Sunderland 0

Bore draw the verdict as Chamberlain saves day

Michael Walker... ULTIMATELY scoreless, virtually chanceless, the two in-form teams in the First Division failed to overcome the twin terrors of the passing game - a brown, bumpy pitch with too many fat runs and its counterpart, the high bouncing ball. Ninety-three minutes of pitch and puff produced two saves of note, both from Alec Chamberlain - Sunderland's stand-in keeper for the injured Shay Given - and both were the result of scrappy defending, rather than attacking creativity. Other than that the game ruled and both managers referred to its state afterwards. Chamberlain's first action came in the 10th minute after Coywans had charged down a poor clearance. The ball fell

Weekend results

Table of football results from various leagues including Football League, Football League Cup, and various regional leagues. Columns include league names, team names, and scores.

English League

Table showing results for various English football leagues such as the Football League, Football League Cup, and others.

Soccer

Table of international and other soccer matches, including FA Cup, UEFA Cup, and various national team fixtures.

Sport in brief

Summary of other sports news including tennis, cycling, ice hockey, basketball, badminton, baseball, and snooker.

Lacoste advertisement featuring the Lacoste crocodile logo and the brand name in a stylized font.

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# SportsGuardian

## Keegan renews title hopes

**T**HIS WAS the explosion of joy on the Newcastle bench, right, as Les Ferdinand's 25th goal of the season gave Kevin Keegan's team a 1-0 victory over Aston Villa at St James' Park yesterday and cut Manchester United's lead to three points in the championship race.



Photograph by Michael Steele

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## GOLF: US MASTERS

# Norman's dreams of green

David Davies at Augusta

**C**OLIN Montgomerie, with the US Masters title well out of his sights, had only one thing left to fight for in yesterday's final round here at the Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia.

the 3rd hit a nine-iron to two feet to move under par. He nearly dropped that shot at the 4th where he had to manufacture a wonderful chip from through the green and then holed from 10 feet.

Montgomerie was also the owner of the most remarkable statistic of the week in that by the time he reached the turn yesterday, in a one-under-par 35, he had hit every fairway for the duration of the tournament, and yet was still four over par.

Greg Norman and Nick Faldo, playing together yesterday for the second day in succession, have a rivalry that dates back to the late Seventies but which has peaked in the Nineties.

In 1977 they played together

in the Open at Turnberry, the one in which Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus had their private battle, with Watson winning by one and being 10 shots ahead of the third-placed player.

Norman was, at that time, learning his trade on the European tour and it was his first major championship. It was only Faldo's second but both, of course, have gone on to great achievements.

The two men, who could hardly be more different in their approach to both life and golf, nevertheless enjoy playing with each other for one simple reason.

According to Norman: "The top players love playing with the other top players. It's no different for Norman and

Faldo than it was for Palmer and Nicklaus.

"We've had a wonderful rivalry over the years and we enjoy each other's company and each other's ability to play the game. We hope there's plenty more to come."

Norman, of course, was speaking as a man who had just established a six-stroke lead over his rival and was in generous and expansive mood. Faldo, on the other hand, would have been less than human had he not been dismayed by some of the Australian's "ability to play the game".

At the short 12th, for instance, when Faldo was only four shots behind, he must have thought — although he did not admit it afterwards — that he had a

chance of reducing his deficit to only two. Norman had found the water with his tee shot and, given the difficulty of the pitch from the drop area, he would have known that a five was more likely than a four.

But in order to ensure that he was not in the water, Faldo hit his seven-iron just a touch too hard, it went through the green and finished up on a downhill lie in a swale at the back.

Norman, with a magnificent pitch to 12 feet, then got his four and Faldo, with a less than magnificent pitch, missed from 11 feet and the two men walked off the green with the status quo unaltered. Moments like that can win and lose championships.

Norman was asked later if there had been an element of luck in his escaping with only a bogey. "I don't think so," he said. "Luck is when you get a bounce off a tree and come back down on the fairway. What happened at the 12th was the way of the game."

"I made sure that I hit my third shot from 81 yards because I've probably hit 50,000 balls from 81 yards and I know how to hit 81-yard shots. That's the type of shot where you know you want to be a certain distance to put a lot of spin on the ball. That green is very, very firm, so I needed the spin on it. That's the reason I put it that distance because it was a good three-quarter sand-wedge shot."



Norman... intense rivalry

## The biggest prize: a front-row seat

Helen Smyth on the race for a place at the 18th green

**I**T IS one of the most prized positions in sport. Row one at the 18th green at Augusta National is the only place to be on the Sunday of the Masters. Once bagged, a spot is yours for the day, no one will kick your unattended chair aside or move it to the back, your prime position is as sacrosanct as the Eisenhower tree, a protected species.

The only problem is bagging the spot. Once you could saunter through the gates at almost any old time and take your pick on the hill. Now there is the Sunday surge. Long-limbed athletes, in training all year for this moment, sprint up the hill to plant their seats.

Strictly speaking patrons (Masters-speak for spectators) are not allowed to run but some have perfected a curious, half-limping gait propelling them at a Lindbergh rate.

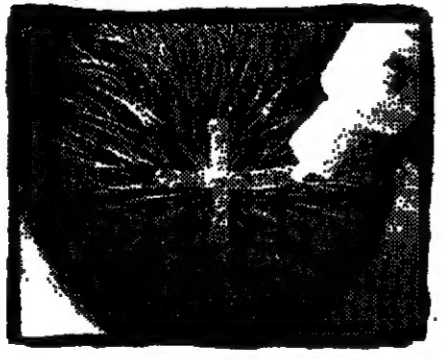
Jean Emhart and Dee Kiefer, however, have an even more refined technique, enabling them to arrive at their front-row seats with no sweat. Their husbands did the legwork, hur-

ting up the hill as soon as the gates opened at about 8am, a full seven hours before any action at all on the 18th hole and roughly 11 hours before any sign of Greg Norman and Nick Faldo, the last pair.

The Emharts, from Clayton, Georgia, and the Kiefers, from Bremen, Indiana ("We're both small-town girls"), were positioned on the right-hand side of the green, just above the bunker, with a perfect view of the pin. "You can also see what's happening on the 15th green from here," Dee Kiefer pointed out, a touch optimistically given the trees in the way, although binoculars are not banned here — unlike cameras, cell-phones, radios, loud beepers and coolers.

The women were set for the day — their husbands would do a little roving — and would keep abreast of matters by watching the 18th green leaderboard in between socialising and slapping on the sunblock. Watching the world go by, reading, doing the crossword and sleeping were other activities. "It's like an extended family here," said Jean Emhart, who was attending her 26th Masters.

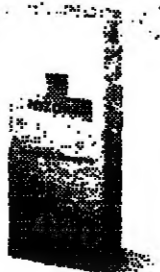
"It's just the best place to be. I like to see the last putt holed."



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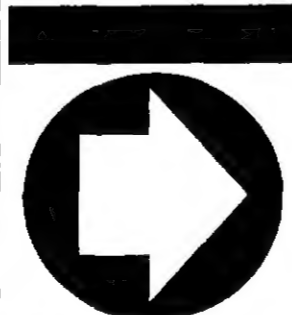
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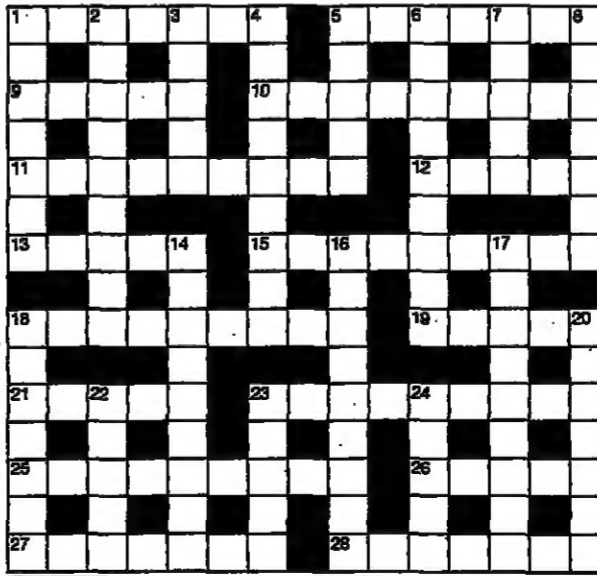


If he perhaps lacked the purity of mind and thought required by most churches in canonisation, he without doubt possessed the forbearance and fortitude. But. But. But. Mark Lawson on Dennis Potter

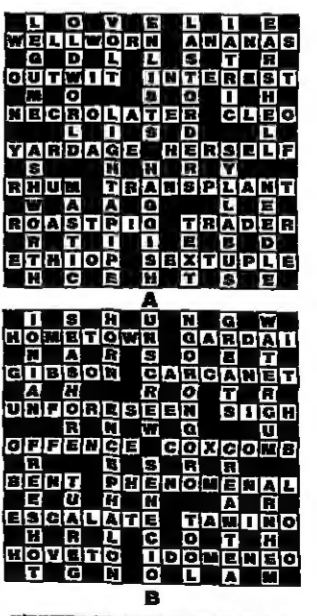
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## Guardian Crossword No 20,627

Set by Crispa



- Across**
- 1 Giving senior NCO everything with little hesitation — not major though (7)
  - 5 A note about 5 cm, written badly but with a will (7)
  - 9 Players all (5)
  - 10 Stuck around or a pupil will make music of a sort (5)
  - 11 Bluster and rage on car trampling down (9)
  - 12 A woman editor with aspiration should admit it (5)
  - 13 A boat backing water (5)
  - 15 Nash kept spinners busy (9)
  - 18 Perfectly happy just to read when camping (9)
  - 19 Poke around for all to see in vain (5)
  - 21 A step to be effected without delay (5)
  - 23 Coloured, being much attached to an old house (9)
  - 25 His plight could well be a warning to people in the main (9)
  - 26 A dunderhead with German following will get let in (5)
- Down**
- 1 Governors formerly appearing a bit retrogressive on board (7)
  - 2 Using no net for a time (9)
  - 3 Telling stories in gratitude — only in gratitude (5)
  - 4 Conscience-stricken, having cribbed article in the break (9)
  - 5 Discrimination that makes sense (5)
  - 6 A fleshy-leaved plant producing weighty harvest (5)
  - 7 A means of transport, one for little mites (5)
  - 9 The Orient — certainly torrid as far as anybody can see (7)
  - 14 The page didn't like being put on show (9)
  - 16 Incorrectly parked in outside car-park, which is criminal (9)
  - 17 Dresses a guy — he's there to ensure the knot's properly tied (9)
  - 18 Rachel's novel "The Prince" (7)



- Winners of Prize Puzzle 20,619**
- This week's winners of a Collins English Dictionary are Mr P. J. Sevan of Longjumeau, Gloucester; P. J. Shepherd of Exeter, Devon; W. H. Taylor of Stevington, Bedfordshire; Marjorie Rolfe of Westford, Hertfordshire; David Harding of Harwell, London; Mr. Lincoln Barton of Bury, Lancashire; Rosalind Stansfield of Edinburgh; J. P. Heley of Crosby, Merseyside; Richard Hunt of Carlisle, Cumbria; and Martin Cooper of Newport, Isle of Wight, Hampshire.
- 20 Meant not to be seen in action (7)
  - 22 A gale banged up seaweeds (5)
  - 23 To put up with the girl is the only alternative (5)
  - 24 Hold on, like coppers behind an old monarch (5)
- Solution tomorrow**

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